

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

**FREEDOM FROM RELIGION FOUNDATION,  
INC.,**

**Plaintiff,**

**-vs-**

**Case No. A-16-CA-233-SS**

**GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT, in his official and  
individual capacities; and JOHN SNEED,  
Executive Director of the Texas State Preservation  
Board, in his official and individual capacities,  
Defendants.**

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**NOTICE CONCERNING REFERENCE TO  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 626(c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 73, and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, the following party: All Defendants

through counsel: Anne Marie Mackin

hereby (select one):

- ☐ consents to having a United States Magistrate Judge preside over the trial in this case.
- ☒ declines to consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Anne Marie Mackin

Attorney for:

Defendants